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Living Conditions

1. The question of obtaining enough food is of paramount importance to all the population of Sibiu. Bread, meat, lard, sugar and rice are still rationed and must be supplemented by purchases on the black market. Although there is still a large anti-communist sentiment among the people there are no outward signs of this. Because of the material advantages which it offers, many people have attempted to join the Communist Party but few are accepted. There is a long waiting period while an investigation is made of the backgrounds of applicants and then, as a rule, they are turned down. There is little or no difference in the treatment of the Rumanian population and the Volksdeutsche. All young men of draft age are called for military service under the same conditions. 25X1

Woodworking Plant at Sibiu

2. The average wage of the workers in this factory is about 300 lei per month although, by producing over and above the norm, the monthly pay may reach the sum of 1,000 or 1,200 lei. One young girl was able to make 1,200 lei per month and at the same time was named "Stakhanovist" by the following manner: Assigned to paint furniture with a spray pistol, it was customary to give each piece of furniture three coats of paint so that the color would be the desired shade. The young girl added extra pigment to her paint and was thus able to paint the furniture only once. Six months after having delivered a number of desks to the local Lycee, the Director of the Lycee complained that all the desks had warped and that the paint was cracking off. It was evident that the wood had not been properly seasoned. The director of the factory said that was not important but to submit an order for new desks as the factory was not busy at the moment and he was not permitted to discharge the workers.

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3. The factory also produced discuses which were destined for various sports clubs in Rumania. These, too, were made of green wood and when they dried the director discovered that they were much lighter than the required weight. To remedy this the director had the discuses soaked in water and stored in a damp place until delivered.



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